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FOUGHT WITH A KNIFE.

Vicious Efforts of Two Small Boys to Use Each Other Up.

Oscar Lyman, a precious little wretch of fifteen years, was arrested on Springfield street, last night, on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill one Foster Thompson, another youngster who lives in the immediate vicinity. Lyman and Thompson, early last night, were engaged in the elevating sport of climbing an electric-light pole, at the corner of Springfield and Decatur streets, when they concluded that the neighborhood was becoming notorious for its peaceable atmosphere, and started a brawl. They clinched, and Lyman, with an open knife in his hand, was thrown to the ground. In the fall the knife blade slightly scratched his face, which angered him and he went at his opponent with the weapon. He did not succeed in doing the havoc with Thompson's anatomy that he desired, and after slashing the latter's coat sleeve a couple of times, was disarmed. The officers brought both lads to the station house, but Thompson was released on bail. Thompson's father asserts that Lyman also tried to shoot his son and claims that the boy is a little fiend.

THE COURT OF LAST RESORT

Lower Court's Decision Overthrowing the Firemen's Fund Law Affirmed.

Charter Amendment on Sewer Assessments Is Constitutional—Other Opinions Rendered Before Adjournment.

PENSION ACT INVALID.

The Supreme Court Rules on the Fireman's Law—The Opinion in Abstract.

The Supreme Court, yesterday, before adjourning for the summer, held in the fireman's pension law that the power of levying taxes cannot be made the means of levying municipal taxes upon a fraction of a class and of bestowing the tax so levied upon a small fraction of the citizens of the State, unless the State over them some peculiar obligation, not existing in serving as firemen for some city. The judgment of the Marion county Superior Court is affirmed, and the fireman's pension fund will not be swollen by any tax levied on the insurance companies. The test case was brought to the Supreme Court by Auditor Henderson against the London and Lancashire Insurance Company. The company had secured an injunction against the collection of this tax in the lower court.

The pension law provided that fire insurance companies not organized under the laws of the State shall pay into the fund \$1 for every \$100 of the excess of receipts over losses in the State.

The first objection to the act was that it violates Section 10, Article 4, of the State Constitution, which provides that every act shall embrace but one subject. If any other subject is embraced the act shall be void, only so much thereof as shall not be expressed in the title. Judge Coffey has held that the purpose of such provisions in State constitutions was to prevent legislatures from enacting laws to prevent surprise or fraud upon the Legislature. The Supreme Court held that the subject of the act is the pension act to the firemen, and that the subject of the act is the pension act to the firemen, and that the subject of the act is the pension act to the firemen.

It was said that the act was an attempt to exercise by the Legislature of the taxing power, and that being local, not uniform and for no public purpose, it is in violation of the taxing power. The appellee insisted that this levy was for a public purpose, but the court does not give the unlimited power to the Legislature that constitutions in other States give where pension acts have been held to be valid. The court does not believe that firemen are public servants within the sense which would admit of the exercise of the taxing power of the State. In the levy the levy is in the shape of a license for doing business. The proposed burden of exaction and the fund in Indiana devoted to the benefit of firemen within four cities only. The owners of property owned do not benefit from these firemen. The firemen are not even the servants of the country. "The act of the lower court was, therefore, affirmed."

THE SEWER TAX CASE.

Assessment by Area Is Held to Be Equitable—Point of the Opinion.

The sewer tax case was brought before the Supreme Court in very short order, and within a few days after filing a ruling has been obtained. George S. Swain asked for an injunction in the Marion county Circuit Court against contractor Fulmer and others to stop the construction of the State ditch sewer, insisting that the law which provided for an assessment according to the area of adjoining property, instead of according to the value, was unconstitutional. Judge Brown sustained a demurrer filed by the contractors. Swain insisted that the notice was insufficient, and that the mode prescribed for assessing benefit was arbitrarily unequal and unjust. The court holds that where a statute provides for a construction notice, as by publication, such notice is sufficient. It is not necessary to name each property owner affected in the notice. Such requirement has never been deemed necessary.

No system of assessment can be devised that will be perfectly equitable and just. The most that can be expected is that the system shall be approximately equitable. The assumption that the statute created a system which is arbitrary because the property is not assessed according to its cash value is erroneous. When all the property in a given district stands on an equal need of drainage the court can conceive of no more equitable mode of assessing the benefits than to assess it according to the area possessed by each owner. Such mode of assessment has often been sustained by the courts. The statute is held to be constitutional. Judge Coffey handed down the opinion.

County Commissioners' Orders.

The case of the Indiana Improvement Company against John H. Wagner and others, from the Steuben Circuit Court, was affirmed by the Supreme Court yesterday. In September, 1892, the County Commissioners of Steuben county ordered an election to determine whether or not the town of Hudson should incorporate. The land company objected, claiming that it owned considerable property in the town and had not been sufficiently notified. The commissioners gave no heed to the remonstrance and the land company appealed to the Circuit Court from the County Commissioners. The Circuit Court held that the order of the commissioners was an interlocutory one and not final, and, therefore, the appeal could not lie.

The regularity of all the steps taken by the commissioners was shown. The order of the commissioners to hold an election, the Supreme Court finds, did not put an end to the case either as to the parties or the issue. The order of the commissioners was not one from which an appeal could be properly taken. It was held that the Circuit Court did not err in dismissing the case.

A Greencastle Annexation Case.

In an opinion written by Judge Howard, yesterday, the Supreme Court reversed a case from Greencastle, in which the County Commissioners annexed territory belonging to James W. Sellers to the city of Greencastle. He objected to the annexation, claiming that he would be subjected to unjust burdens. The lower court sustained the action of the commissioners, but the Supreme Court reversed this action of the lower court.

Supreme Court Adjournment.

The Supreme Court adjourned yesterday for the summer vacation of ten weeks. Judge McCabe will be the guest of Judge Hackney at Shelbyville. Judge Coffey will spend part of his vacation among the northern lakes and Judge Howard will be at South Bend most of the summer. All the important cases were cleared off the docket.

Funds from the Insurance Companies.

A considerable sum of money had been collected from the insurance companies under the fireman's pension bill, part of which was paid under protest. The Indianapolis department received about \$2,000 from the companies, but only \$100 of this was paid.

under protest. The department will ask the next Legislature to pass a law that will hold.

DELINQUENT BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS.

State Auditor Henderson Sending Out Notices Under the Gifford Act.

State Auditor Henderson is sending out letters to building and loan associations that have not made their reports as required by the Gifford act passed at the last session of the Legislature. He calls attention to the law, and notifies the secretary that if the statement showing the condition of the association is not filed with him within thirty days of the notice he will cause an examination to be made into the affairs of the associations that are delinquent. The law requires him to do this, and to also direct the attention of the prosecuting attorney of the district in which the association is located to the delinquency, so that the proper remedy can be enforced. The annual statement of June 30 will not be accepted in lieu of the one that is now past due.

The Building and Loan Association League of the State secured the passage of the law, which did not go into effect until May 15, but it made it obligatory on the associations to file a report of the last year's business within thirty days after the law went into effect. Another report is due only 15 days after the law is not complied with the law. The Auditor has authority to wind up their affairs.

MR. PARSONS HAS RESIGNED

Possibility that He Will Retire from the State Normal at Terre Haute.

Has Been in the Hands of the Board for Some Time—Explanation of the Students Accepted—Another "Defi."

There is a well-defined rumor that President Parsons, of the State Normal School, has his resignation on file with the board of trustees, and that the board is to let him "resign to take one of the positions offered him outside of the State." President Parsons was in town on Monday, although his visit was a very quiet one, and all the people interested in the Normal imbroglio were not supposed to know that although the resignation of the board, was not aware of the fact that he was here. Superintendent Vorles was holding a consultation with a gentleman behind closed doors yesterday afternoon, but when the question was asked at the office of the president was with the superintendent, the reply was that "further the deponent answereth not."

It was ascertained that the president's resignation was with the board at the time the board knew about the trouble with Professor Tompkins. Members insist that they would not accept any teacher other than Professor Tompkins, removed, as being satisfied with his ability of President Parsons upon the belief that the President had given them the option of declining to pursue the study the remainder of the term or of accepting another teacher.

The "committee of fifteen," representing the students, furnish, for publication, a statement, which, in effect, is a decided imputation on the ability of President Parsons. It is charged that the school management is drifting toward anarchy, and that the board has not the courage to meet the present issue fairly, that "it evidently tried to drive the students." In closing they say: "We wish to assure the public that the feeling has in no sense subsided, nor will it until the board submits to the public valid reasons for its recent action. We are earnestly seeking facts which may be submitted to the world should the board push us to this extremity."

AUTHORS' READINGS.

Press Club's Debt to Mr. Riley—Reception to Be Given at the Propyleum.

The Indianapolis Press Club feels under special obligations to James Whitcomb Riley, this being the second time that he has generously agreed to appear for its benefit after refusing innumerable importunities to give independent readings. Indianapolis people never tire of listening to this Hoosier wizard, and the announcement that he will take part in the entertainment next Wednesday evening has given rise to many expressions of pleasure. Mr. Douglas Sherley is known to a comparatively limited circle as a charming reader, and as he is to travel with Mr. Riley next season the people here will have an opportunity to enjoy the combination in advance. So much has been said of General Lew Wallace's forthcoming novel, and so high are the expectations of the readers of "Ben-Hur," that according to indications his selections from the new work will serve to draw many hearers. Mr. Nicholson is one of the many poets who have been read more than he has been heard, but who are becoming to the general public as the admirers, and will give the public an opportunity to become better acquainted with the writer of some of the daintiest and sweetest verses yet produced in the West. Mr. Eggleston is in New York, and it is not yet definitely known whether or not he can appear, but if possible he will do so. A reception in honor of the entertainers of the evening will be given on Wednesday afternoon, at the Propyleum, this place being chosen on account of the limited space at the Press Club room. The sale of seats will open Monday morning. The box seats will sell for \$1.50, the rest of the lower floor seats at \$1 each, the first gallery at 75 cents, and the upper floor 50 cents.

Got in Front of a Motor.

Deputy Sheriff Tim Callahan had an exciting experience with a Virginia-avenue motor car yesterday afternoon. Callahan was driving up the south approach of the viaduct, when his horse dashed across the track in front of an electric car which was descending the viaduct. The rear of the vehicle was struck by the car and tilted just enough to throw Callahan to the ground. The horse ran on and was stopped half way over the viaduct, and the deputy sheriff, who was only slightly bruised, limped to the rig and proceeded on his way to the courthouse.

Police Ball Games.

The Police Baseball Club has arranged a date with the Terre Haute team, also composed of patrolmen, for the 27th inst., and will cross bats on that day on the Terre Haute grounds. The contract between the clubs provides for an equal division of the gate receipts, each club paying its own expenses. On the following Friday after the game at Terre Haute the clubs will meet in this city.

Incendiary Blaze.

The fire department was called to No. 9 Hall Place yesterday evening to extinguish flames in the partially completed residence belonging to Anthony Wisniewski. It is thought the blaze was started by incendiaries, as a half burned pile of shavings and several matches were discovered on the floor of one of the rooms. The loss was \$20, with \$3,000 insurance.

Burglary in the Center of the City.

Shear's saloon, on North Delaware street, was entered by burglars Thursday night. The till was broken open and \$2 extracted, besides several boxes of cigars.

New side-boards; Wm. L. Elder's.

HE WAS A PIONEER BUILDER

Sudden Death of Adam Scott, the Oldest Contractor in the City.

He Built the Courthouse and Many Other Well Known Structures in Indiana and Other States.

Adam Scott, one of the oldest and best known building contractors of Indianapolis, died at 7 o'clock last night, at his home, No. 136 West Maryland street. His death was the result of an acute attack of pneumonia, coupled with heart complications. He was sixty-eight years of age.

Adam Scott was born in Scotland, and came almost directly to this city from Jedburgh, his native place. In 1850, when this city was comparatively a village, Mr. Scott settled in Indianapolis, and since that time until his death he has constantly resided here. His vocation was that of a stone mason, and, although in late years he did not do actual labor, he carried on a contracting business which was extensively known. For many years he was of the firm of Scott & Nicholson, and operated an immense business on Kentucky avenue, where the plans for some of the best buildings in the State were prepared.

The first work done in this city by Mr. Scott was the building of the stone work utilized in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and he afterward constructed the Marion county courthouse, the Bates House and other of the most substantial buildings in this city. His fame as a builder was not confined to his home, and the magnificent custom houses at Atlanta, Ga., and Birmingham, Ala., were constructed under his supervision. Ten years ago he retired from active business, but was not content to spend the remainder of his years in idleness and soon associated himself with the firm of Charles Pierce & Co. With this company he was prominent in the erection of the courthouses at Muncie, Anderson and Evansville, and the residence of Mr. Scott again retired from business pursuits and has since lived a quiet life with his family. He was a Scotchman, of Scotch blood, was always apparent, and his honest, straightforward principles were the pride of his life. He was a member of the Scotch Rite Mason. A wife and four children, two sons and two daughters, survive him.

SPEEDING THE FLYERS.

A 2:17 Clip Reached at the Fair Grounds Yesterday—Concealing Records.

Things are lively these June days at the race track. On Tuesday and Friday the fine annual flash around the courses regularly. The carloads of them, with good Conservers, next Monday. It is too bad about Boone Wilson, that piece of gray lightning of C. A. Riley's. When traveling alone he is the fastest horse at the track, but when in company he can't be held to the track. He broke fearfully yesterday, and it was all Ben Walker could do to get him back to his gait in a quarter. If Boone Wilson can be tamed, he is a big winner. The best that could be gotten out of him yesterday was 2:20, but one heared oracle of the track had sworn he would run an eighth in nine seconds. Imbroglio, a Dictator two-year-old, showed a quarter in twenty-seven seconds yesterday, and will catch a few stakes at the track meeting. In all of Ben Walker's string there is no finer looking animal than Richmond, who carries himself like a champion on the track. He went around in 2:30 without breathing hard. Some very good judges think there is a 2:15 clip in the horse. There is nothing more plain to be seen at present than a universal effort among the trainers to keep up the true marks of their animals, a few seconds, at least, above what is really in. Mr. Riley is, however, a very conscientious man, and knows every race horse started and about the best there is in him. The work of unclassing animals has gone on so long that a mental reservation is attached to nearly all records. If a horse is entered in a 2:30 class by a shrewd trainer, he will try to the wire in 2:30 or better. Some years ago Pat Dickerson had a little horse that he got into the 2:30 class at Detroit and went up to that city with a determination to "kill" everything. He knew the horse could step it in 2:31 and that meant everything in eight. The evening before the races he slipped into the pool room and heard of a fellow on the inside to know who Johnson was, and found out that he had been run in covertly, and could go in 2:17 three times. Mr. Dickerson simply held a tight rein and ran second for all it was worth without getting ambitious. There could be no finer weather than the present for working the horses. The track felt that it should be, and the time is being well improved.

Sermon to Graduates.

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